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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7629

In the Matter of :  
US National Phase Entry :  
Under 35 USC 371 from :  
International Application of :  
Wayne E. Beimesch et al. :  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US00/16914 : Group Art Unit : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
Filed on June 20, 2000 : Examiner : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**  
For Processes For Making Granular Detergent In A Fluidized Bed Granulator Having :  
Recycling Of Improperly Sized Particles :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the US  
National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add the following Claims 12-33.

- (NEW) 12. A process for making a granular detergent composition comprising the steps of:
- providing at least one granular feed stream;
  - passing said granular feed stream into a fluidized bed granulator;
  - at least partially agglomerating said feed stream in said fluidized bed granulator to form detergent agglomerates;
  - sizing said detergent agglomerates to separate oversized particles from said detergent agglomerates; and
  - re-introducing said oversized particles to said process.

- (NEW) 13. The process for making the granular detergent composition of Claim 12, further comprising the step of milling said oversized particles before re-introduction into said process.